

# Whalesong

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## Decision on tuition increases for next fall delayed until February

By Amelia Jenkins  
Whalesong Reporter

Recently, the University of Alaska Board of Regents decided to postpone discussion on tuition increases until February.

Every year, the board meets to decide whether or not to increase tuition. This year, they voted in favor of an increase.

On a Nov. 17 meeting with students, Regent Eric Forrer, said that tuition rates were increased this year because the university was counting on an increase of funding from the legislature, which they did not receive.

Forrer encouraged students to get involved with lobbying the legislature for funds. He said this is especially effective when students coordinate their efforts with Wendy

Redman, who lobbies the legislature on behalf of the university.

US-UAS president, Shawn Paul, introduced a proposal to the Coalition of Student Leaders called

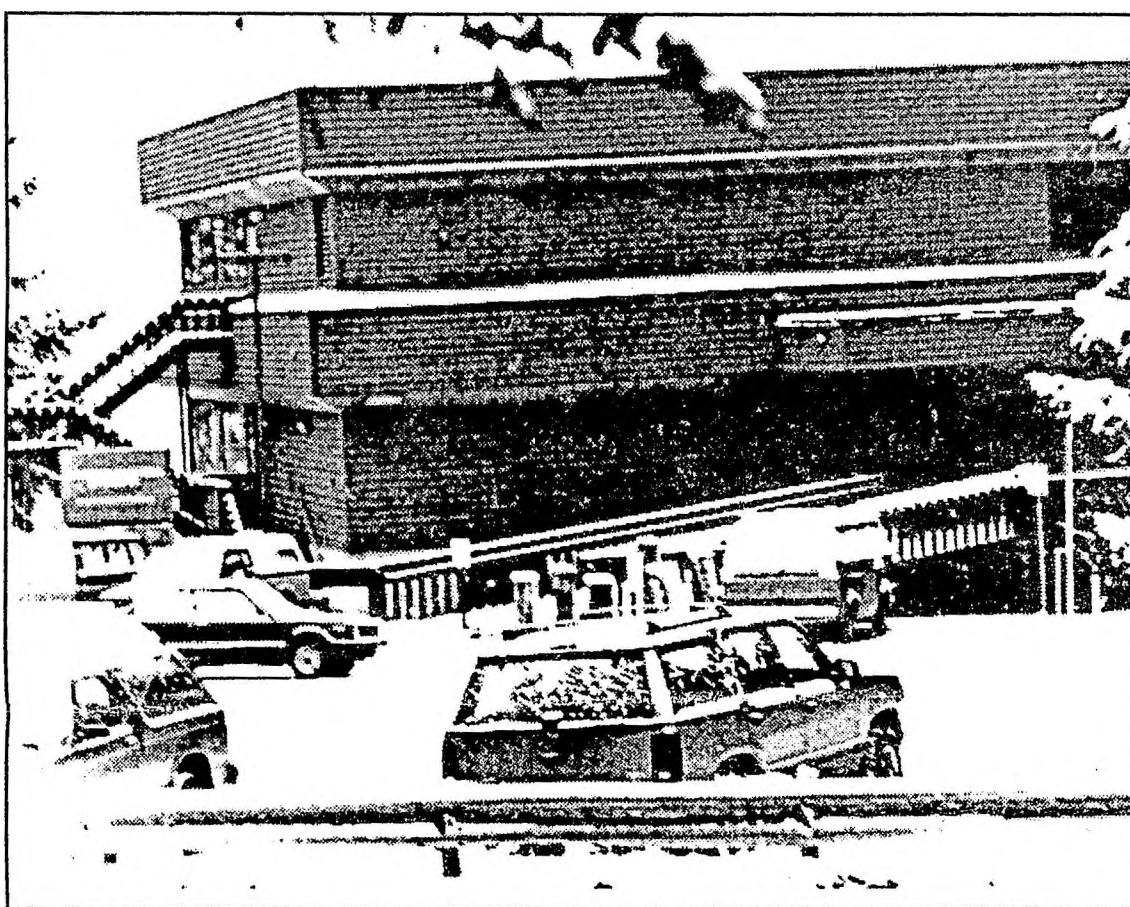
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"Not Another Dime." Paul said that UA students have reached a point where tuition costs are greater than the quality of education.

Regent Virginia Breeze noted that programs are still limited at UAS while tuition keeps increasing. She said it may come down to an issue of cutting some programs.

The motion to table the discussion of tuition increase was passed in an October meeting of the Board of Regents in order to provide "additional time for student testimony as well as time to gather better information regarding FY96 enrollments and tuition revenues."

## Shuttle van scheduled for service to Anderson building next semester



Stephanie Anderson

The Anderson building, located off of Glacier Highway, will be the destination of a shuttle van which will begin service on Jan. 16. The shuttle will run five days a week between 7:50 a.m. and 6 p.m., leaving from the campus flagpole bus stop on the hour. Ridership figures will be studied to determine the future of the shuttle, which may include expansion of the service to student housing.

## UAS loses a musical jewel, multi-talented Mel Flood

By K.L. Diven  
Whalesong Reporter

He's a very busy man. Thank goodness for it, and thank goodness for Juneau Mel Flood didn't just decide to play the flute. From opera to big band, jazz to classical, Flood organizes and leads some of our community's most diverse performance groups, and still finds time to teach at UAS. Sadly, in 1996, budget cuts will force Flood to forfeit his job here at the univer-

sity, which he has held since 1982.

Flood's extensive training in music education qualified him well for his job at UAS. Flood earned a Bachelor of Science in Music Education at the University of Illinois, a Master's Degree in Flute Performance at the Manhattan School of Music, and a year of Doctoral study in Flute Performance at the Cleveland Institute of Music. He plays and can teach a wide variety of musical instruments.



UAS file photo

**Mel Flood: The maestro in his element.**

He has traveled, performed, studied, and  
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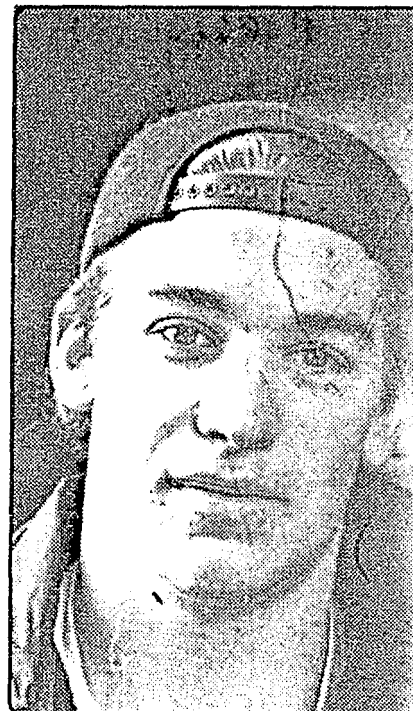
By Stephanie Anderson  
Whalesong Photographer



I do not condone a tuition increase.  
-Ishmael Sisay



It will affect those who come here from down south.  
-John Doty



It's strange that the state has money for things other than educational needs.  
-Austin Schmidt



They suck and stuff.  
-James Wileman



It will seriously depreciate student enrollment and make some students physically unable to attend school.  
-Rob Benitz

This is one of the last great, cheap colleges and there's no reason to make us pay more.  
-Kyelyn Foley

That sucks, school should be free.  
-Mike Jacobs and Jacob Higgins (above)

### You can help spread holiday cheer around Juneau

By Terzah Weafer  
Whalesong Reporter

Feel like spreading a little holiday warmth and cheer? Well, here are a few suggestions for volunteer work around town.

The Salvation Army could use some help with bell ringing, and are also looking for computer and typing help. Call 586-2136 and ask for Lt. Berka.

St. Ann's Care Center is looking for volunteers to help with writing out Christmas cards, decorating, wrapping gifts, and baking cookies. Anybody that plays a musical instrument and would like to perform for the residents would be much appreciated. Call 586-3883, and ask for Sharon.

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## Briefly...

### UAS now a part of the World Wide Web:

Students worldwide can now learn more about UAS through a home page on the world wide web, located at <http://www.jun.alaska.edu>. The home page contains descriptions of the Juneau campus, campus life, campus services, and a community profile. Information about admissions and degree programs is also included, as well as recent news on campus. In the first week it was on the web, the home page had been used by hundreds of people all over the U.S. and as far away as Finland.

### Student Art Show opens Dec. 6:

The work of UAS art students will be exhibited in the Egan library beginning Wednesday, Dec. 6.

### Curious about studying elsewhere?

Come to an informational meeting about the National Student Exchange program, which allows students to attend one of hundreds of schools across the U.S., while still paying UAS tuition fees. There will be a meeting Thursday, Dec. 7 from 12:30 in the Moutant Lounge, and again on Friday, Dec. 8, from 3-4:30.

There will be a meeting regarding ISEP (International Student Exchange Program) applications for next year on Friday, Dec. 8, at 12 noon in the School of Business Conference Room.



### Sell your books!

The UAS bookstore will be buying used textbooks starting on Tuesday, Dec. 12 - Thursday, Dec. 14, from 9 - 5 and on Friday, Dec. 15 from 9-4. The last day to sell books will be Monday, Dec. 18, from 9 - 5.

### Juneau Symphony to perform Dec. 9:

*Nordic Night*, which features music by Scandinavian composers, will take place on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m. in the JDHS auditorium. Tickets are \$12 in advance, and \$10 for full-time students and senior citizens, and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets are avail-

able at Hearthsides and Big City books, or by calling the symphony at 586-4676.

### Attention Poets:

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## Conflict over student government constitution prompts ideas for change

By Amelia Jenkins  
Whalesong Reporter

Changes are being made to the United Students of UAS (UAS) constitution. Many of these changes involve the eligibility requirements and benefits to those who serve on student government. In addition, the role of student government as a club sponsor will also soon be changing.

The student body president is currently paid \$2000 per year (for fall and spring semester). This is paid in the form of a check of \$110 every two weeks. There is a possibility that this compensation will be changed to a tuition waiver.

Current president, Shawn Paul, does not think this is a fair way to compensate students because it discourages part-time students from running for office. A student taking only three credits would not get as much compensation as a student taking 12.

Paul hopes the compensation will continue to be paid by check. He also hopes to raise the current sum as "meager" considering how much work the president

and vice-president put in.

It is also possible that the student government will lower the grade requirements for members. The current policy is that students must have obtained a 2.5 minimum GPA the semester previous to their serving on student government.

Paul would like this to be changed to a student's cumulative GPA, rather than one semester. He pointed out that students sometimes have a bad semester, and that is no reason to have them removed from student government.

Currently, summer semester classes don't count because they are considered more intensive than winter semester classes. The council voted to weigh summer semester classes as heavily as any other classes.

Representative Chris Tolvo pointed out that a 2.0 is considered an average GPA. "Are student government members all supposed to be above-average students?"

Charlene Solom moved to change the requirement from a 2.5 GPA to a 2.0.

These changes do not apply



US-UAS president Shawn Paul would like to see grade requirements change for members of student council. Currently, members must maintain a 2.5 GPA.

to members in current terms.

Another change in student government policy will be a change in the patronage of student clubs. Student government

currently funds these clubs, but has no authority over them. Responsibility towards student clubs will be shifted to Student Activities.



## Tlingit elder to co-teach UAS anthropology class this spring

By Terzah Weafer  
Whalesong Reporter

Herman Kitka, a well-respected Tlingit elder from Sitka, will be teaching at UAS in the spring semester. This will be a unique opportunity for students to gain knowledge from an individual who has spent all of his life in Southeast.

Kitka will be co-teaching an upper division cultural anthropology class with Dr. Tom Thornton,

UAS associate professor of anthropology. Kitka's focus during the course will be on traditional ecological knowledge, subsistence patterns and adaptations.

"He (Kitka) has quite

**Herman Kitka, lifelong Southeast resident, offers knowledge of ecological systems and subsistence to students at UAS**

an extensive knowledge of the ecology of Southeast," said Thornton. Kitka has gained this knowledge from decades of fishing and subsistence use all around the South-

east area. Over 50 years ago, Kitka built his own fishing boat and has been fishing ever since.

In addition to fishing, Kitka maintains one of the few active subsistence camps in our region. In the fall, Kitka uses the subsistence camp to smoke coho and dog salmon, and in the spring he dries halibut. As a traditional subsistence user, Kitka has gained substantial knowledge of the ecology systems that are so closely tied to his way of life.

Kitka will be teaching during February and March. During this time, Thornton and Kitka hope to run the class seminar style, with students already aware of the issues that Kitka will be discussing. "So students should be prepared with a little

bit of knowledge of resources so they can ask questions and also understand what he is talking about," said Thornton. "We want to try to cover all the major subsistence

resources and other species as well."

"He has been increasingly involved in education efforts and other efforts to preserve cultural knowledge," explained Thornton. "There is less than a thousand true fluent Tlingit speakers, and Kitka is one of them." Thornton points out that there are intellectuals in every culture and not all of them have Ph.D's hanging on their walls. By having Kitka teaching at UAS, we have an opportunity to acknowledge his expertise in the area of Southeast ecology.

"We are very fortunate to bring him over for a sustained period of time so we (the class) can evolve as a group and we can learn to understand his knowledge and access it," said Thornton.

"When it comes to ecology he thinks deeply and profoundly about the relationships between resources and the environment," said Thornton. "He is a person who is knowledgeable about his environment and culture." This is truly an opportunity for UAS students to access information from an individual who has spent his life living the concepts that he will be teaching here.



Herman Kitka, pictured above, maintains one of the few active subsistence camps in our region. Kitka will soon bring to UAS his experience in this field.

## Storytelling class offers students a refreshing alternative

By Stephanie Anderson  
Whalesong Staff

The University offered a unique new course this semester called Storytelling. Instructed by Brett Dillingham, the small group of enrolled students learned how to communicate their stories to an audience. ED 593 met four times; the last was an actual two-hour storytelling performance at the downtown Juneau Public Library.

Dillingham's explanation of the course sounds similar to that of an English class: brainstorming, composition, critique, revision. His students prepared their own stories, told them to the class and revised them based on suggestions from classmates and the instructor.

According to Dillingham, most stories arise from personal experience, but can be effectively enhanced with a little creativity. Willingness to alter the original experience is a valuable part of creating an interesting story, he said, and recognizing unnecessary, distracting, irrelevant, or uninteresting details can be hard to do for a beginning storyteller.

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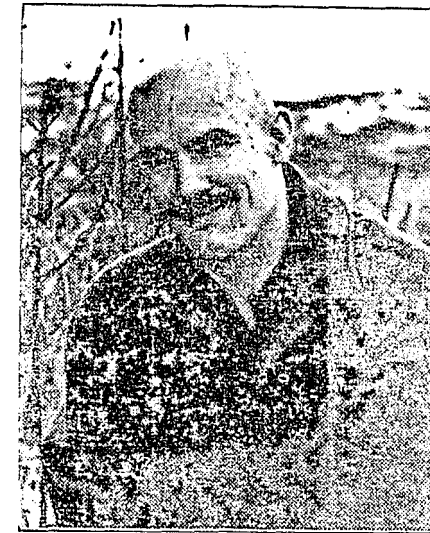
Dillingham, a professional storyteller for the past five years, was proud of the class's success. He was especially encouraged by the standing-room-only performance at the library.

The classes began with a story by Brett Dillingham to get the class in a storytelling mindset. Then the class proceeded with short exercises in storytelling and speaking. Students also participated in the critique and revision of each other's stories.

Dillingham believes that all people are storytellers, but what distinguishes the good ones is their ability to involve and touch their audience. While anyone can recite a story, the skills needed to make a tale come alive are often acquired skills.

Storytelling is only partially composed of the actual creation of text and plot; one of the most important parts is delivery. Control of breathing, voice, rate of speech, and bodily movement all contribute to the successful presentation of a story, said Dillingham.

Dillingham hopes to continue providing his expertise for classes at the University. Storytelling will be offered during the spring semester as ED 593. If you are interested, enroll soon; space is limited.



Brett Dillingham, who has been a professional storyteller for the past 5 years, will be instructing a storytelling class during spring semester.

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The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education has an internship open for spring 1996 for a student with good thinking, communicating, and team play skills. Salary is \$11 an hour/20 hrs a week. Internship may be taken for up to 6 hours of credit. Applications, which include a letter of interest, resume, and writing sample, should be submitted to professor Tom Gallagher, 465-6357

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**Dec 8** - Library staff are sponsoring free hot cider in the lobby, 1pm-7pm, Egan Library.

**Dec 12** - Cookies and Coffee, sponsored by the School of ELASand the Chancellor's Office.

**Dec 14** - Ice Cream Social, 3pm Mourant Cafe, \$1 non-students.

**ALMOST-FREE FOOD**

**Dec 7, 8** - 25-cent coffee for students at UAS Food Service.

**Dec 7** - All candy bars 40 cents at the Bookstore!

**PARTY DOWN!**

**Dec 13** - UAS Holiday Party, 3pm-5pm, Mourant Cafe. Staff, faculty, students are invited.

**STRESS-BREAK SCHEDULE**

**Dec 6** - Bring a wrapped gift (used, recycled, or under \$5) to the White Elephant Gift Exchange party and Santa will help you leave with one too! All students, faculty, and staff invited for dessert, Santa, photos, and fun! Mourant Lounge 1:00 pm.

**Dec 11** - Parent's Night Out - Free Childcare 6pm-9pm at the Children's Center, must pre-register 465-6528)

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**Dec 12** - Yoga Class by Wendy Hamilton, reserve your spot 465-6528, free and for students only. HB 113, 12:30pm-1:30pm. Sponsored by St. Activities.

**Dec 13** - European Facials, free 15 minutes (cleansing, massage & mask), sign up at Student Activities. Only 8 spots!

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

**GOOD LUCK ON YOUR FINALS!**



## Mel Flood from page #1

taught in a broad array of places including Massachusetts, California, West Virginia, Illinois, as well as cities throughout Europe.

Before coming to Juneau in 1982, Flood was working as a freelance musician in San Diego, where he decided he was ready for full-time employment. While in San Diego, he applied for the nationally announced position of conductor for the Juneau Symphony.

Simultaneously, UAS had a position open for a music instructor, to which he also applied. Flood was hired in Juneau for both positions. Due to lack of funds at UAS, Flood worked the first year only part-time. His second year in Juneau, he worked full-time for the university.

"I fell in love with the place when I saw it," he said about his first impressions of Juneau. He remembers his feelings about his initial job interview: "I hope I get the job!" Ironically, a full-time job opened in San Diego for him, but Flood decided to take the one in our community.

Now at UAS, Flood is Associate Professor of Music and teaches many different music courses. "The importance of these classes is they are providing students with a musical outlet which is more than just a spectator sport," he said.

One part of Flood's job is to give private lessons to students. This semester, Flood has 12 private students who are learning to play instruments such as the saxophone, clarinet, and flute.

Flood also conducts the University Singers, a chorus of 28 male and female singers, for one credit. This choral group performs classical pieces.

director and conductor of the Juneau Symphony. The symphony's next performance will be at the JDHS auditorium on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m.

Every year since 1985, the Mel Flood Big Band has performed at events around the community, including Tuxedo Junction, a formal event sponsored by UAS. Flood is also the founding

This past fall, Flood conducted the orchestra for *The Sound of Music*, with JDHS. Flood has been conducting musicals with the high school since 1983.

Yes, Mel Flood is a very busy man. "If there was another hour in the day," he said, "there would be time for one more class."

This spring semester, Flood's schedule shows no sign of slowing down. In fact, he is adding a Practical Music Theory class, which is one step beyond Music Fundamentals.

Flood is a valuable asset to our community. He provides quality entertainment for a variety of groups within Juneau. Whether you like to listen to toe tappin' swing music, want to dress up for a relaxing night at the symphony, or be taken away by a dramatic opera, Flood gracefully directs and conducts it into a place for you.

Given Flood's many contributions, it is especially regrettable that his job has been cut from the UAS budget for 1996 (this spring semester will be his last). Flood gave several possible reasons for this cut.

conductor of the UAS Jazz Band, which serves as a core for his big band.

In addition to all of the diverse entertainment he helps bring to Juneau, Flood is also the Musical Director and Conductor of the Juneau Lyric Opera, which puts on yearly productions.

This spring, the Lyric Opera will be presenting *The Music Man*, which will open the last weekend of March. Auditions will be Dec. 13-15, and there will be between 40 and 50 cast parts available.

The university, he said, is not concerned with performing ensembles, because UAS does not advertise itself as a school of music. Also, the music department is not ranked as highly as academic classes, because music courses are taken as electives.

**"True appreciation comes through participation. Tell a child how to do something, they forget. Show a child how to do something, they forget. Have them do it themselves, and they remember."**

**-Mel Flood**

There is no doubt that Flood has made contributions to the UAS music education program. "True appreciation comes through participation. Tell a child how to do something, they forget. Show a child how to do something, they forget. Have them do it themselves, and they remember," said Flood.

As part of his contract with the university, Flood is the music

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MATH 108 - Dec 7, 3 p.m.	
MATH 200 - Dec 6, 1 p.m.	Test Preparation / Performance -
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## Healthy Lifestyles Club: actively promoting wellness options for UAS students

By Amelia Jenkins  
Whalesong Reporter

Last April, a UAS student and two staff members went to a health conference in San Diego. Tina Martinson, the student who attended the conference, said they learned that students listen to their peers. "My goal was to come back and start a club that focused on the students' wellness," said Martinson. Nutrition, exercise, AIDS awareness, and dealing with stress are all taken into consideration by the club.

The club has been active this year. Club advisors Rita Bowen and Katy Goodwyn gave a presentation at Freshman orientation.

They discussed issues like condom use with students.

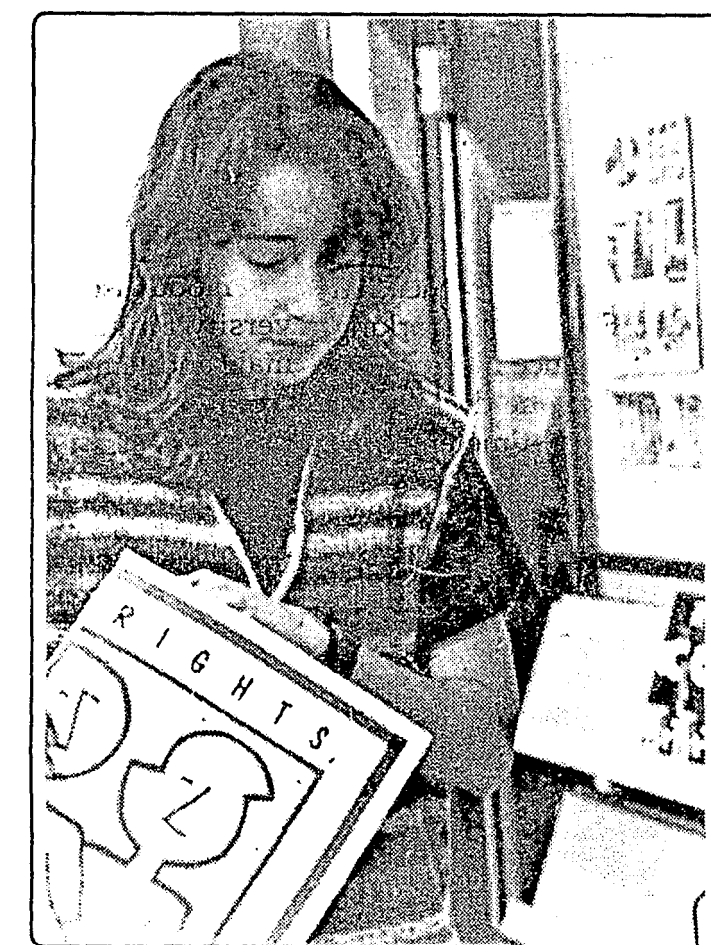
The club has also brought in community members to do activities for students this semester. One of these activities was an AIDS awareness workshop. A CPR training class was also taught. African Rain, a local group of musicians came to do a drumming workshop. "That was to give students an opportunity to beat some stress out of their bodies," said Martinson.

"We're finding people don't know a lot about AIDS," said Martinson, of the group's involvement in AIDS awareness. "They know the basic facts, but they don't know what

types of sexual behavior constitute a risky behavior." To help educate students, the Healthy Lifestyles club set up a booth in the Mourant cafeteria on Dec. 1, National AIDS Awareness Day.

The Healthy Lifestyles club is already planning some activities for next semester. They hope to have a healthy foods potluck at student housing lodge. They are also considering a fun run when snow melts. The woman who taught the CPR training class will be returning to teach a first aid class with some wilderness survival tips.

The group is thinking about having a class dedicated entirely to wilderness survival.



Tina Martinson puts away materials used for a booth promoting the Healthy Lifestyles club. The group focuses on such issues as nutrition, stress management, and AIDS awareness.

ness survival. The Healthy Lifestyles club will be bringing someone in to teach an acupuncture class, so students can learn to do acupuncture on themselves or their friends. They will also be helping UAS' school nurse with the Health Fair.

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# Horoscope

By Terzah  
Whalesong Mystic

## Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Things are looking pretty good for you, Sag. Whatever you do, don't let that nagging feeling of discontent ruin what has been a pretty successful semester. Keep up with a positive attitude. Have a solid plan for spring and you will succeed. However, your personal relationships are still causing you some confusion. Let things ride for the time being. These things have a way of working out if you just keep your cool and let others make their own beds. Just remember YOU don't have to sleep in them!

## Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

People who have been making your life difficult lately are all of a sudden doing an about face. Try not to throw their past mistakes in their face and they will soon be on your side. What you need to concentrate on now is following through on those many projects you have started. You have the backing and energy to see all of them through. Just don't get side-tracked.

## Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Boy, what a interesting year for you, Aquarius. Just remember you can't always please everyone, let alone bring them over to your way of thinking. Sometimes you just have to cut your losses and go your own way. For the most part, your instincts have been right about both relationships and career situations. Your powers of observation have served you well through this very important time of change. You're finding your basic beliefs are being subtly shifted. But that's OK, just do what you know is right.

## Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Now that things are calming down on the home front, it's time to re-evaluate your attitude towards mass confusion. Yes, you tend to view upheaval as an opportunity for change, but aren't you getting tired of all the sudden stops and starts in both your relationships and work? Time to stop free-floating in the stream of life and make some solid decisions as to where you want to swim to next. It's OK to do the backstroke and look at the sky as you go, but pick a direction and keep on moving.

## Aries (March 21-April 19)

You're ready to roll, Aries! Don't be suprised if you end up traveling unexpectedly. Go with it. Your luck is improving and things feel as if they are falling into place. Don't argue with fate because it has in store

for you many wonderful things. Of course, it is not all luck that has brought you to this point, but all your hard work and planning will definitely be helped by a healthy dose of pre-determined destiny. Now is your time!

## Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Things are looking a lot brighter lately for you, Taurus. While you have accomplished basically all the things you set out to do this semester, there has been a nagging sensation that things weren't quite right. That's all changing now. Even though you are in the middle of winter, life is all of a sudden looking brighter. Even though you are feeling renewed energy take time to sit back and contemplate the road before you.

## Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Things were not as bad as you thought they were, Gemini. But don't go thinking that it was all that worrying that brought you to the calm feeling you are experiencing now - do just the opposite. It was letting go of all those negative thoughts that brought you to a more stable frame of mind. Now that you are feeling calmer about things you can stand back and analyze your relationships more closely. Yes, you like a challenge, but is that person really worth all the energy you have been expending on him or her?

## Cancer (June 21-July 22)

You're feeling down right perky lately, and it's about time. All that moping around was making you crabby. Now that you are feeling brighter, things are working in your favor - funny how that works! Take a lesson from this experience, Cancer. You really can make things worse by your attitude. So keep up the good vibes and they will bounce right back at you.

## Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

OK, so it has been a rough semester, Leo.

And most of it was caused by others questioning your ability. Well, they were wrong! You have taken what seemed like impossible situations and turned them around. Doing the impossible is your forte - remember that. Now that you have cleaned up the messy situations at work, it is time to consider the possibility that you might want to make a clean break from all the negativity that has been around you.

## Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

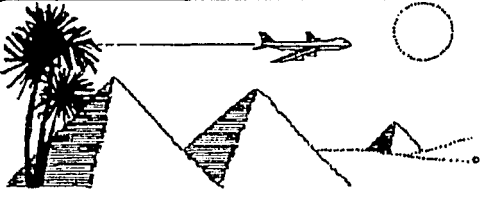
Wow, things have been pretty rough for you lately. Basically, there was nothing you could do to change recent events. They were a result of circumstances beyond your control. But take heart, things will be improving over the holiday season. Because of all the hurtles you've been overcoming you feel like chucking it all and fleeing the scene. Don't do it. Take time to look at the options around you and remember you've invested a lot in your present situation. Hang in there.

## Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Things are going pretty good aren't they, Libra? Well, just be careful you don't sit back on your laurels and let all you've accomplished fade away. Keep going, the best is yet to come. You're probably still not sure what direction to take next semester but go with your instincts, they've been pretty good lately. Whatever you do, just make a decision.

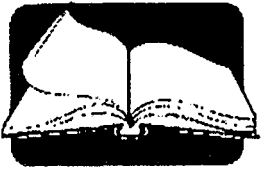
## Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Now that your financial situation is looking up, it's time to look at your personal life. Has it been a bit of a mess the last few years? Well, some of that is just circumstance, but some of it is the high standards you hold all those around you to. I'm not advocating lowering those standards but maybe just try to understand that some of the things people do are not meant to make you unhappy, they simply have a different perspective on life. A perspective that you might do well to examine.



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